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Record of Interview
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RECORD OF INTERVIEW

Sir:

In response to the interview conducted on **2 October 2008**, please find a record of the interview below.

Identification of Claims and Prior Art Discussed

Applicant and Examiner discussed Armitage as applied to claims 1, 10, 19, 23, 26 of the instant application.

Applicant's Arguments

Applicant pointed out to Examiner that Armitage does not disclose a self-identifying **microphone** that can provide an external device with data about the microphone. During operation, the Armitage system identifies a cable type for a cable connector (i.e., programming interface device) being used to program the

hearing aid, such that the cable connector is not a part of the hearing aid (see Armitage, col. 14, line 35, and FIG. 11). Therefore, the *hearing aid* of Armitage is not itself capable of **providing** an external device with data about itself, because the programming interface device and the cable connector are not a part of the hearing aid.

In addition, Applicant pointed out that embodiments of the present invention disclose a self-identifying **microphone that provides an external device with data about itself** (see instant application, page 3, line 11 – page 4, line 3). Unlike the Armitage system, the microphone of embodiments of the present invention does not require an external programming interface device or a cable connector to provide data about the microphone.

Outcome of Interview

No agreement was reached.

Respectfully submitted,

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